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\$2.00 IN ADVANCE.

Protracted meeting closed yesterday evening with 17 accessions—3 for baptism.

Our baby was among the **Collins.** number baptized. Ten children, and all members of Baptist Churches! Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Bro. W. S. Culpepper, of Gloster, did the preaching—and did it well.

T. D. B.

Pastor Trotter of Hattiesburg announced last week that their contribution to State Missions would be \$300!

is the pastor who will announce that his church will raise "at least" \$500 for State Missions? So far, Hattiesburg stands at the head of the column.

This great school founded by Thomas Jefferson, and where Stonewall Jackson taught, and R. E. Lee was president, is now trying to secure the Hon. Grover Cleveland as its president. **University of Virginia.**

It is thought by the alumni of this once famous institution that if Mr. Cleveland can be secured, the school will forge to the front again as one of the leading educational institutions of the land. An effort is also on foot to secure "Monticello" as a place of residence for the president of the University, in case the ex-president of the United States accepts. No doubt, if Mr. Cleveland could be induced to take hold of it, it would forge to the front again. But the "sage of Princeton" is too old now to take upon him so arduous a task as that of running a great University. Then they need an educator and not a politician at its head.

The American Baptist Publication Society, with headquarters at Philadelphia, has found it necessary to **A Change of Policy.** change its policy with regard to its branch houses.

"Instead of maintaining general stores as heretofore, at expensive rents and with a large force of salaried employees, the Board has determined to place those branches which have been a burden upon the Society in modest quarters, to restrict their stock mainly to the Society's publications, religious books, and church and Sunday School supplies, and largely to diminish the force of employees."

One reason assigned for the above retrenchment in its operations is that many Baptist people are not loyal to Baptist enterprises, and under the idea of being liberal and broad they patronize undenominational publishing houses. It is indeed

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sad that Baptists will act so foolishly. But may we not hope that the "Lord will preserve the simple?"

For years things have not gone well in Servia. The royal palace has been turned into a Seraglio where "unblushing strumpetry" outraged every ton of decency

and that continually. On the 11th, at 2 o'clock, in the darkness that precedes the dawn, leaders of the Servian army, in revolt against the high crimes and misdeanors of the king and queen entered the royal palace and shot to death King Alexander, Queen Draga, her two brothers and the members of their court, and set up a new king, in their stead. It was an awful crime, deliberately planned and quickly executed. But, if it will have a good, moral influence on the rulers of the petty States of Europe "where libidinosity and promiscuity are common in hall and harems and where eroticism is looked upon as a royal eccentricity and the seraglio and earthly paradise," it will prove a great blessing to the world.

"The man of correct moral life possesses many outward attractions of the true Christian. He may be, in **Short.** many respects very like, and yet not a Christian.

Ex Gov. William Claflin lost, some years ago, a son, Willie, his namesake. It was almost an overwhelming grief. Time passed, and a marble bust of Willie was procured and placed in the parlor. The pastor, calling, was invited to see the bust and pass judgment on its value as a "likeness." Instantly, as he viewed it, the pastor exclaimed, "Excellent; how much like Willie!" "Yes," said Mrs. Claflin, as tears coursed down her face, "Yes, it is painfully like Willie, but it is not Willie!"

There are men in all our communities. They are "painfully like" Christians, but are not Christians. "One thing thou lackest." They have never made the complete self-sacrifice which the gospel requires. The marble bust lacked "life!" So does the moralist."

"Liquor Problem Week at Chautauqua will attract much attention and bring together a large number of people interested in the cause of temperance. Among those who are to take part

are Professor Irving P. Bishop of Buffalo, who will discuss the "Physiological Effects of Alcohol," Professor Frederick Starr, who will speak on the "Use of Stimulants among Savage Peoples," Mr. Raymond Robins of the Municipal Lodging House,

Chicago, an expert on the "Relation of the Saloon to Vigor and Crime," and a number of others who will discuss such topics as the "Legislative Aspect of the Liquor Problem," the Relation of the Saloon to the Family," etc. Addresses will also be given by well known temperance workers, among whom may be mentioned Mr. John G. Wooley, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, President of the W. C. T. U., Rev. E. C. Denwiddie, Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League, and Chief Secretary Edward J. Higgins of the Salvation Army. There will also be conferences and opportunities for a thorough discussion.

The Chicago Tribune has been looking into the religious views and affiliations of the different Governors of **The Governors**, the States and tabulates them as follows:

Methodists—Richard Yates (R.), Illinois; Winfield T. Burkin (R.), Indiana; John D. Bates (R.), Massachusetts; Aaron T. Bliss (R.), Michigan; Alex. M. Dockery (D.), Missouri; John H. Mickey (R.), Nebraska; Franklin Murphy (R.), New Jersey; Joseph D. Sayers (D.), Texas.

Presbyterians—John T. Morrison (R.), Idaho; J. C. W. Beckham (D.), Kentucky; John Walter Smith (D.), Maryland; Benj. B. Odell, Jr. (R.), New York; George K. Nash (R.), Ohio; Charles N. Herreid (R.), South Dakota; Albert B. White (R.), West Virginia.

Baptists—Jeff Davis (D.), Arkansas; W. S. Jennings (D.), Florida; J. M. Terrell (D.), Georgia; W. W. Heard (D.), Louisiana; A. H. Longino (D.), Mississippi; Charles B. Aycock (D.), North Carolina.

Episcopalians—James H. Peabody (R.), Colorado; S. W. Pennypacker (R.), Pennsylvania; D. C. Heyward (D.), South Carolina; Henry G. McBride (R.), Washington.

Universalists—John F. Hill (R.), Maine; Unitarians—Robert M. La Follette (R.), Wisconsin; L. F. Garvin (D.), Rhode Island.

Quaker—John Hunn (R.), Delaware; Mormon—Heber M. Wells (R.), Utah.

Non-Church Members—William D. Jelks (D.), Alabama; George C. Pardee (R.), California; Abiram Chamberlain (R.), Connecticut; A. B. Cummins (R.), Iowa; W. J. Bailey (R.), Kansas; Samuel R. Van Sant (R.), Minnesota; Joseph K. Toole (D.), Montana; Nathaniel J. Bachelder (R.), New Hampshire; Frank White (R.), North Dakota; John Sparks (D.), Nevada; G. E. Chamberlain (D.), Oregon; James B. Frazier (D.), Tennessee.

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God's purpose concerning him.

The Liquor Joints.

The whiskey demon seems never to sleep nor give up. Those who fight this monster need to imitate him in one respect. He may meet defeats, but nothing daunted, he rallies his broken forces and renews his attack with increased determination. Let every lover of home, purity and peace, imitate King Alcohol at this point, and ours will be a distinct gain.

Some months since the authorities in our city engaged for a few days in the exercise of blind-tiger hunting. For several days these tigers slunk away into their lairs and were very shy of the officers. But the officers very soon relaxed their vigilance and the sneaking animal became again offensively bold in high places. So that on the day of the corner-stone laying he was almost openly defiant, to the mortification of all admirers of law and order. A few days afterwards another vigorous campaign was instituted which has been vigorously pressed until now a tiger can hardly be seen. Several dens have been raided and considerable liquor seized and confiscated.

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Dr. J. T. M. Johnston of St. Louis delivered the address, subject: "Spirit and Methods of God's Missionaries" and at 8 p. m., the same day, President A. T. Vann, D. D., of Raleigh, N. C. delivered the Alumni address. On June 2nd 1903 a. m., President J. T. Henderson of Tn., delivered the Baccalaureate address. Tuesday, at 8 p. m., was graduating exercises. 40 received diplomas. Immediately after the Baccalaureate address there was called a meeting of the Alumni, and remarks were made for from several of the alumni present, and it was found that as a result of a similar movement several years ago, which movement was to establish an alumni school in the Seminary, there was in the treasury, as Dr. Frost termed it, a "nest-egg" of something over (\$18,000) eighteen thousand dollars.

There seemed to be a unanimous sentiment to enlarge on the efforts of former years, and instead of raising thirty thousand dollars to establish an alumni class. The president of the association urged that the vice-president, for the different States see

to this matter, and perhaps could but do it by the time of or at the State Convention. The method of raising the money suggested was in payments of five annual installments.

The outlook for a large attendance and glorious union next year, is most favorable, and I sincerely hope that from year to year the delegation of brethren from Mississippi at the Seminary shall be increased, for my brother, believe me, no more potent factor can come into your life of usefulness than hard work done in some Bible Training school, and there is none better in all the land than our own beloved Seminary.

Before I had decided on the time that I would come to the Seminary, a friend of mine said to me, "you had better get firmly fixed before you go to that place," meaning of course, get to be immovable in doctrine.

Now, as over against that I do love to say, If you are not "firmly fixed" then by all means, come to the Seminary and get fixed.

Sincerely,
L. P. MOORE.

N. Y. Hall, Louisville, Ky.

Some Meetings.

The Houston Church has had the blessing of a very interesting and helpful 5th Sunday meeting. We were disappointed that some of our leading pastors did not attend. But some of them, at least, had laudable excuse.

Bro. Watts (the already popular young pastor of Aberdeen) felt that it would not be wise for him to be absent from his church at this time, as he was "just on the eve of a revival."

Bro. Osborne (the hustling bishop of Okolona) was getting ready to begin a meeting with the assistance of evangelist Paul Price.

And Bro. R. A. Cooper, the faithful, was also expecting to begin a series of revival services, with the aid of Evangelist Grevatt, of Cripple Creek, Col.

These brethren and others were very much missed. But we were glad to have with us Bro. R. C. Blalock, of Oxford, who rendered us valuable and most appreciated assistance.

We have arranged to begin a series of revival services next Sunday, June 7. Bro. J. N. McMillin is to be with us and do the preaching. We are looking forward with much pleasure to his coming.

Let every one who reads these lines remember us in earnest prayer.

Earnestly,
T. R. PADEN.

Ordination.

On Sunday, June 7, 1903, Cumberland Church, with Elder J. F. Mitchell and Deacon A. E. Kols as a presbytery, set aside A. L. Slaughter and A. J. Davis to the office of deacon for said church.

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Dr. J. T. M. Johnston of St. Louis delivered the address, subject: "Spirit and Methods of God's Missionaries," and at 8 p. m., the same day, President A. T. Vann, D. D., of Raleigh, N. C. delivered the Alumni address. On June 2nd at 30 a. m., President J. T. Henderson of Tenn., delivered the Baccalaureate address. Tuesday, at 8 p. m., was graduating exercises. 40 received diplomas. Immediately after the Baccalaureate address there was called a meeting of the Alumni, and remarks were called for from several of the alumni present, and it was found that as a result of a similar movement several years ago, which movement was to establish an alumni school in the Seminary, there was in the treasury, as Dr. Frost termed it, a "nest-egg" of something over (\$18,000) eighteen thousand dollars.

There seemed to be a unanimous sentiment to enlarge on the efforts of former years, and instead of raising thirty thousand to establish an alumni chair. The president of the association urged that the vice president, for the different States see

to this matter, and perhaps could but do it by the time of or at the State Convention. The method of raising the money suggested was in payments of five annual installments.

The outlook for a large attendance and glorious union next year, is most favorable, and I sincerely hope that from year to year the delegation of brethren from Mississippi at the Seminary shall be increased, for my brother, believe me, no more potent factor can come into your life of usefulness than hard work done in some Bible Training school, and there is none better in all the land than our own beloved Seminary.

Before I had decided on the time that I would come to the Seminary, a friend of mine said to me, "you had better get firmly fixed before you go to that place," meaning of course, get to be immovable in doctrine.

Now, as ever against that I do love to say, If you are not "firmly fixed" then by all means, come to the Seminary and get fixed.

Sincerely,

L. P. MOORE.

Some Meetings.

The Houston Church has had the blessing of a very interesting and helpful 5th Sunday meeting. We were disappointed that some of our leading pastors did not attend. But some of them, at least, had laudable excuse.

Bro. Watts (the already popular young pastor of Aberdeen) felt that it would not be wise for him to be absent from his church at this time, as he was "just on the eve of a revival."

Bro. Osborne (the hustling bishop of Okolona) was getting ready to begin a meeting with the assistance of evangelist Paul Price.

And Bro. R. A. Cooper, the faithful, was also expecting to begin a series of revival services, with the aid of Evangelist Gravett, of Cripple Creek, Col.

These brethren and others were very much missed. But we were glad to have with us Bro. R. C. Blalock, of Oxford, who rendered us valuable and most appreciated assistance.

We have arranged to begin a series of revival services next Sunday, June 7. Bro. J. N. McMillin is to be with us and do the preaching. We are looking forward with much pleasure to his coming.

Let every one who reads these lines remember us in earnest prayer.

Earnestly,

T. R. Paden.

Ordination.

On Sunday, June 7, 1903, Cumberland Church, with Elder J. F. Mitchell and Deacon A. E. Kolb as a presbytery, set aside A. L. Slaughter and A. J. Davis to the office of deacon for said church.

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The Mode of Water Baptism by Circuit Rider.

R. A. TENABLE.

The above is the title of a tract of something more than a hundred pages. The purpose of the writer seems to be to settle the question for all time as to the mode of Apostolic Baptism. Every device of which the writer is capable is employed to overthrow the practice of immersion. The work would not merit a reply were it not for the recognition which it has received in the form of endorsement from the Forest District Conference, which met in Heidelberg, March 20, 1902. The endorsement came in the form of a preamble and resolution as follows:

"Whereas, believing that the dissemination of such literature would be of vast benefit to the cause of Christ and of our Methodism, therefore,

Be it resolved, That we, as a conference, urge 'Circuit Rider' to publish in pamphlet form his excellent articles on baptism, which appeared in the Christian Advocate, and the completion of the series. And we hereby promise to place an entire edition of 1,000 copies in the bounds of the Forest District."

My space will not permit me to take any note of the bad English of the above, but it certainly ought not to go unrebuked, since it emanates from an official body. It is not any part of my purpose to follow "Circuit Rider" throughout all his peripetyes. On page 5 there is a declaration which must not pass without notice: "From Homer to the birth of Christ, through a period of a thousand years, no instance has been found in which 'bapto' means immersion." The earliest fathers of the Church, many of whom were learned Greek scholars, translated 'bapto' by 'sprinkle.' There is no reason for introducing 'bapto' into the controversy about New Testament baptism, since it is never employed to designate the ordinance, but 'Circuit Rider' has introduced it, and so it must be considered. His proposition is, that 'from Homer to Christ, a period of a thousand years, no instance has been found in which 'bapto' means immersion.'

This is one of the statements which is to help Methodism. In the light of the facts in the case, one can hardly see how Methodism can be helped by a statement so utterly at war with the truth. But let us be charitable and grant that the Forest Conference knows better than any "outsider" in, what will help Methodism. It has diagnosed the case, and is familiar with the malady which is preying upon Methodism.

If it decides that the nostrum composed of ignorance, conceit, prejudice, audacity, presumption, irreverence, and ribaldry, can arrest the disease and drive out the elements of decay, shall any quack on the outside rise up and object? Why not all of us join in the guffaw "of laughter?" But seriously, is "Circuit Rider's" statement true, that from Homer to Christ, a period of a thousand years, no instance has been found in which 'bapto' means immersion? And is his similar statement on page 23

true? namely: That "scholars have shown philologically and chronologically considered, that sprinkling is the primary meaning of the word from which 'dye,' 'stain,' 'color,' are derived, while dip is only a late meaning, and much later, at that?" Briefly, let us sum up the two propositions laid down by "Circuit Rider." 1. The primary meaning of "bapto" is *sprinkle*. 2. That "bapto" never was used to express the idea of dipping till after the birth of Christ.

1. Let these two propositions be tried by the facts "philologically and chronologically considered."

(1.) Prof. Skeat, of Cambridge University, in his *Etymological Dictionary of the English Language*, makes the following statement as to the primary meaning of the Aryan root from which *bapto* and *baptizo* are derived:

"Gabh, to be deep, to dip. Sanscrit gabbhirat, deep. Greek, bathos, depth. Compare Greek, bapttein, to dip." (p. 733).

Webster's *International Dictionary*, a standard, and noted for its sound philosophical correctness, says, under the word *baptism*, "from Greek *baptisma*, from *baptizein*, to baptize, from *baptein*, to dip in water, akin to *bathys*, deep, Sanscrit, *gah*, to dip, bath."

These two authorities are ample to show how the case stands "philologically." The truth is the word *bapto* is a derivative word, coming from an Aryan root which means "to be deep," and "to dip." This, of course, settles the *primary meaning* of the word. "Circuit Rider's" ignorance, or willful disregard of the real facts in the case, is overwhelming. But the Forest Conference says it will help Methodism. How it will help Methodism to place itself squarely against the verdict of the best scholarship in the world, in the science of philology, remains to be seen. It will appear to all fair-minded and intelligent people, that either the Forest Conference was grossly ignorant of what it was resolving about, or it is set for the propagation and defense of a monumental fraud, and falsification as to the meaning of a word. The Forest Conference would not have made itself more ridiculous if it had passed a resolution that the earth is flat, and that Bishop Marvin never went East by way of the West, and further affirmed that the flat system would help Methodism!!!

It will be observed that the above authorities connect *bapto* with *bathys*. In this view, Liddle and Scott agree. Under *bapto* they say, "It is derived from *baph* as appears from aorist 'baphenai, baphe,' etc., being probably akin to 'bath,' *bathis*'"

Of *bathys*, we may learn something of Homer's use of the word and its compounds. All of which are more or less expressive of the meaning attaching to the original Aryan root "deep" and "dip." *Bathudineis*, full of deep eddies (Il. 21:15). *Bathudines*, full of deep eddies (Il. 20:73). *Bathous*, the deep girdled (Il. 9:594). *Bathukolpoi*, with deep folds (Il. 18:22). *Bathune*, deepen, hollowed out (Il. 23:421). *Bathurroon*, with deep current, deep streaming (Il. 21:8).

Xenophon in the *Anab.* 2:2-4, represents the Greeks, and Barbarians, their enemies, as making a treaty and sealing it by dipping (*baptontes*) the Greeks, their swords and the Barbarians, their spears into a shield filled with the blood of a goat, a bull, a wolf and a ram. Passages could be

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given from Plato, Epictetus, and Hippocrates, to the same effect.

There is an Old Book said to have been written by Moses, which "Circuit Rider" does not seem to know about, which if he had consulted it would have saved him from such a reckless statement. Could he, would he, have made the statements it he had read the following passages?

Lev 11:32—"Every vessel (that is uncleaned) shall be dipped or plunged (bapsetai) into water." 4:6—"And the priest shall dip (bapsei) his finger into the blood." 9:9—"And he dipped (ebapso) his finger into the blood." 14:6—"And he shall dip (bapsei) them into blood." 14:5—"And he shall dip (bapsei) it into blood." Deut. 33:24—"And the man that is cleansed shall take hyssop and dip (bapsei) it into water." Josh. 3:15—"The feet of the priest were dipped (ebaptesan) into a part of the water of the Jordan." These passages were all put into Greek before the birth of Christ. They are all very explicit and show without controversy that the word "bapto" cannot be made to mean anything else but dip or immerse. Now how "Circuit Rider" could be so manifestly at war with the truth, can only be accounted for either upon the ground of inexcusable ignorance, or an utter disregard of the truth!

How the Forest Conference ever conceived the idea that Methodism could be helped by such a tissue of falsehood, flavored with unbounded audacity, it is beyond the ability of an average man to determine. But how any Methodist paper edited by a man of repute, chosen by his brethren, can permit one line of commendation of such a document as "Circuit Rider's" tract, it would require a parliament of philosophers of Jesuitical training and practice to determine.

Since "Circuit Rider" repudiates both the definitions of the Lexicographers, and the use of the word "bapto," one is made to wonder upon what foundation he bases his contention; but a little reading of his pages brings one to see that it is all based on bold assertion.

To give these assertions some show of truth, the Forest Conference coddles the whole thing with a strong approval, and an assurance that these assertions ought to be increased in number, and that they will help Methodism.

The writer wishes to say in conclusion, that the honest and intelligent Methodists, and there are numbers of them, owe it to themselves and the cause of truth to use their influence to have "Circuit Rider's" little booklet withdrawn from circulation. Methodism is too strong, and there are too many good things to be said in its favor, and too much that is true, for it to advocate, or disseminate, what is so palpably false.

Thirtieth Commencement Blue Mountain College.

Blue Mountain has just closed its 30th session with one of the best commencement it has ever had; and this was fitting for the session was of the best the college

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has enjoyed in its long history.

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The past of the college is full of success, and the future is full of hope. Under the blessing of God it is destined to do a yet more far-reaching work for the world than it has ever done. The good work of the college in the 30 years of its history is a guarantee for the future, and its great prosperity prophetic of what it will reach in the years to come.

J. N. Mc MILLIN.

June 10th, 1903.

The Advance Movement.

The Foreign Mission Board, acting under the suggestion of the Convention, have decided to reach out and open new mission work. The Board has appointed Rev. S. M. Will to Buenos Ayres in the Argentine Republic. Our Brazilian mission has been greatly prospered. Last year there were seven hundred and ninety-six baptisms in that mission. Buenos Ayres in the Argentine Republic is about fifteen hundred miles further South than Sao Paulo, our Southernmost Station in Brazil. We hope that it will not be long before we can have a strong force of workers in the Argentine Republic. Immigrants are pouring into that country, and it looks as though it will be one of the finest countries in South America. We must take South as well as North America for Christ.

The Board is appointing several new missionaries. Let the churches take up their contributions for Foreign Missions all through the year, and enable the Board to make these advance movements without going into debt.

R. J. WILLINGHAM.

Commencement at Gillsburg.

The 21st annual commencement of Gillsburg Collegiate Institute is over. As usual the attendance of friends and visitors was large and the exercises of the different departments were of high order. The concerts were quite entertaining and were enjoyed by large audiences.

On Sunday, June 7, the Commencement sermon was preached by Bro. J. F. Tull, of Durant. He was greeted by a fine congregation, who listened with rapt attention. The sermon exceeded our expectations, in fact, was fine, eloquent. We felt real proud of the boy, as we knew him fifteen years ago. It was here that Bro. Tull was converted and baptized, and no one rejoices in his splendid success more than this writer.

Tuesday, June 9, was Commencement day, when Congressman F. A. McLain delivered the annual address. It is needless to say it was well done. The speech will linger in the minds of those who heard it. There was but one graduate this year. Gold medals were awarded A. J. Causey and Miss Bertha Imhoff for proficiency in elocution. Prof. Hooper, the retiring principal, and who has been identified with the school almost from its organization, was presented with a gold-headed cane from the Board of Trustees. Thus one more year of school work ends in the country village of Gillsburg.

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PAT SESSION.

Good health and good work have characterized the session just closed; the attendance was the largest in the history of the school. There were 301 boarding pupils, and a total enrollment of 563; The student body represented 61 counties in Mississippi, 9 States and Territories, Cuba and Brazil.

THE COMING SESSION.

A special boarding department for young girls will be opened next session under competent and efficient home car-

An excellent primary department under specially trained and equipped teachers will also be maintained.

A new industrial home will be built during the summer, an elegant two story brick building with all modern conven-

iences.

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Jesus' Claims to Divinity.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON AT CENTENARY COLLEGE—BY REV. W. E. BOGGS.

[Judge J. A. P. Campbell was so impressed in reading this sermon in the Picayune that he brought it to THE BAPTIST for publication in its columns, in the hope that it might strengthen the faith of others as it had done his.]

"John 3:32-38. 'If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works; that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me and I in Him.'

This is the challenge which Jesus lays down, fronting the unbelief of men. It is as if he said: If the fitness of my teaching, for the spiritual needs of men, does not appeal to your understanding, enabling you to see in me the promised redeemer, then I refer you to my works—to my life. Scrutinize these, and if you do not find in them that which shows me to be in the Father, one with him in character and purpose, then do not believe me. I stake all my claims upon the oneness of my work and life with him. This must ever stand as the challenge of the church to the unbelief of the world. Useful as may be correct articles of religion, confessions of faith, symbols, the Church will make headway against the disbelief with which she has to contend just in proportion as she leads men to see the divineness of the character of Jesus. His life, in a world such as he came into, was the unfolding of logical sequences. It was the conflict of individual righteousness, purity, godliness with universal unrighteousness, corruption, bigotry. He must needs suffer many things, be put to death and rise again as the final declaration of the power of life. A right concept of the life and works of Jesus will furnish the major and minor premises from which the conclusiveness of his divinity necessarily follows.

"But we proceed to consider this work, as the expression of his life, in some of its general phases. It is in the naturalness of the human life of Jesus that we find its first appeal to our understanding, and to our hearts, to our belief in him as a man. What is more admirable and inspiring than the utter absence of all that enters in the made-up hero! He did not seek notoriety, nor the plaudits of men, but went about doing good. He did ask: 'Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?' but in that question is the deep longing for men whose salvation depended upon their right estimate of him. There is a strong appeal to all that is manly and noble in our natures, in his contempt for the mannerism of assumed sanctity. Long faces, unkempt hair, long prayers, and we may infer, intonations, or whatever made men seem to men peculiarly religious, claimed his attention only to be condemned and warned against. Clean faces, anointed heads and cheerful hearts he sought to bring to men, as fitting reflections of the divine life he offered them.

The righteousness of Jesus as a man is manifested rather than proclaimed. The calm repose of his life in the midst of the excitements about him—his dignity and gen-

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tleness in the presence of contradictions, misunderstandings, false accusations and persecutions reveal his consciousness of integrity. The simplicity of his references to God as his Father possesses a charm.

"But this righteousness is further manifested in the incidental negation of sin in his heart. 'Which of you convinceth me of sin? For which of my good works do you condemn me?' The ruler of this world cometh, and hath (findeth) nothing in me. In the words of the text: 'If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.' In addition to the high and transcendent attitude he takes with reference to his sinlessness in these explicit utterances, much is implied in the fact that he does not apply to himself, or for one moment seem to think it necessary to do so, the doctrine of repentance from sin nor the doctrine of the necessity of a new birth unto righteousness. His consciousness of the absence from his life of all sin is more forcefully expressed in this silence than in any explicit claim. His commingling with publicans and sinners implies the absence of that fear of contamination which deterred the Pharisee from all such association. In his entire life there is that utter absence of anxiety about his own spiritual condition which implies the consciousness of spiritual wholeness, yet the manner of it is such that it does not suggest religious pride. The prayer in Gethsemane reveals a soul that is acutely sensitive to the effects of sin, but not one word of it implies a sense of personal guilt. This prayer is an unfolding of his hidden soul, teaching us that his being 'troubled in spirit,' and his 'groaning and sighing deeply' were the products of a heart of sympathy for those who were the victims of the sorrows that sin brings to the hearts of men.

"The simplicity of Jesus' claim to divine life is in marked contrast with all divine pretensions on the part of men. He claims sonship and oneness with God in terms of self-consciousness rather than of argument. 'He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father.' 'Believe me, that I am in the Father, and the Father in me.' 'The Father loveth the son.' 'I and my Father are one.' The argument of the question of the divine sonship he leaves for his disciples who were to give the history and purport of his life to the world. He claims this relation with the confidence and the simplicity of a child in whose heart there has not been the shadow of a doubt.

"His manifestation of his divine power in what we are pleased to call supernatural works differs from the pretended miracles of men. His mastery of natural law was without ostentation; his exorcisms without incantations. He used this power in mercy to those who suffered in body and mind from disease, and he used it as a means of appeal to the minds too obtuse in their ethical apprehensions to be able to perceive the divineness of his teaching. He seems to have looked upon miracles more as illustrations of divine mercy than as arguments for his divine power. He does not seem to have sought publicity in these works, but the reverse. He did not call

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of Jesus. (I use the word ethical in a higher sense than that of formal morality; the true ethical life is governed by inner motive, not outward law.) He himself lays down this challenge, covering not only the supernatural works called miracles, but his works and words of righteousness."

Fairs, Festivals, Theaters and Concerts.

Is it right or Scriptural for churches of the Lord Jesus Christ to resort to fairs, festivals, and theatrical concerts etc., in order to raise money for the Lord's cause?

It is plain from the teaching of the Scriptures that it is not Scriptural, hence not right. Many are the arguments that might be brought in defense of this position. But in this report I submit only a few that might be brought to bear on this subject. In the first place this method is not the Bible method of raising money for the furtherance of the Lord's cause. The Bible method is this, (2 Cor. 9:7), "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (Mark 12:41-44), "And Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast but of formal worship as well. The last argument that I will offer against raising money for God's cause by fairs and such like is that it is not of God but of the devil.

Again: Fairs and festivals in the church greatly imitate Rome who is not only the mother of the abominations of the earth, but of formal worship as well. The last argument that I will offer against raising money for God's cause by fairs and such like is that it is not of God but of the devil. There are but two sources from which anything can emanate (in the sense which I now speak), and that is the devil. Those things which emanate from God are good and right and their mission in the world is a glorious one, and those things are taught and supported by God's Word either by command, precept, or example. Who would dare say that fairs, festivals and theatrical concerts have a glorious mission in the world to perform, and that they with all of their worldly mindedness and formalism have the image of Christ stamped upon them, and that they are supported by God's Word? I am sure if those things are not of God they are of the devil, and from him no good can emanate. Besides if they are from him they are an unfruitful work of darkness, and you know God's Word says (Eph. 5:11), "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them." Anything that Satan is the author of is evil, and God's Word says, (1 Thes. 5:22), "Abstain from all appearance of evil. Note: God calls upon us to abstain from all appearance of evil, so if there is but the appearance of evil we must abstain from it. I ask you for the reasons above assigned, if there is not at least the appearance of evil in raising money for the Lord's cause by church fairs, festivals and theatrical concerts.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. GIBSON.
Tula, Miss.

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that is not taught and justified in the Scriptures by command, precept or example is opposed to the Scriptural method of raising money. A further argument against raising money for the Lord's cause by fairs and such like is that it was a thing unknown and unpracticed in the churches in Apostolic times. Nor we do not read of a single fair, festival, or theatrical concert or anything of that sort in any of the churches in apostolic times. We do not, you know we do not.

But again: Raising money by this method is wrong because it leads to worldly-mindedness and formalism. And you know and so do I that the more worldly-minded and formal churches are in their worship, the less spiritual growth and progress they make, the fact is formalism and spirituality are not congenial spirits, hence do not go together. But fairs and festivals in churches do not only lead to worldly-mindedness and formalism but they themselves are worldly and formal. And this God's Word condemns. How forcibly did he condemn worldly and formal worship when he said (John 4:23-24). "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth." If we would worship God acceptably in giving, our giving must not be worldly nor formal.

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All righteous people want righteous rules. They want the uncorrupted in office. Therefore, I pen the following clipping and send to THE BAPTIST.

In another column of the News will be found a good picture of Senator E. F. Noel, of Lexington, Miss. Mr. Noel is one of the most popular candidates for governor in the race. It has been our pleasure to know him to be a true, upright and honest man. He is a member of the Lexington Baptist Church, and has always been faithful to his church in an humble and unassuming way. We take pleasure in commanding him to our readers as one of the purest men that has ever offered himself for an office.

In his home life, the devotion he shows to his aged mother, proves him to be a man of refinement, and withal, possessing every quality necessary in the make up of a great man. We want our readers to know him. The time has come when, as a Christian people, we should see that good and upright men, and not the demagogue, should hold the offices within the gift of the people.

One more scrap: "The poorest clients, even without money or friends, charged with capital crimes, whom he defended, without fee, under appointment of court, receives the same faithful attendance as was accorded the wealthiest."

The same journal also tells considerably of Mr. Noel's legislative career: The prime mover of many things greatly conducing to public benefit. And then, Mr. Noel would hardly "wink" at the old devil's whisky antics. And this is what all righteous folks are wanting now for every place of trust: *A man who will put his foot on whisky.* This the above named gentleman will do, and everybody knows it.

Fellow pilgrims, let us stand by the right!

J. E. PHILLIPS.

What are those large boxes seen almost daily going to and from the freight depots in our busy city? Why, they are boxes which contain pianos and organs going to and from Patton & White's music emporium at 318 East Capitol street. When in the city, do not fail to call on them, examine their fine line of musical instruments and talk with them. They are affable gentlemen and will take great pains to show you their goods and give you all desired information in their line of business. We travel all over the State, and find their pianos and organs almost everywhere we go. It is gratifying to hear on every hand expressions of entire satisfaction with the instruments sold by these gentlemen. Considering the large amount of satisfaction and entertainment afforded by a good organ or piano and the low prices at which they are now sold, it is a wonder that one or the other is not found in every home. Write to this wide-awake firm for styles and prices of goods.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

W. JAS. ROBINSON.

2 Tim. 3:14-4:5—June 21, 1903.

Paul's Charge to Timothy.

Golden Text:—*There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.*—2 Tim. 4:8.

4. *And they shall turn away their ears from the truth.* Positively refuse to hear what God says, because it clashes with their lusts. *And shall be turned unto fables.* When men discount the truth they are compelled to accept falsehood.

5. *But watch thou in all things.* Be constantly on your guard and never in anything be taken unawares. *Endure afflictions.* Bear whatever privation is necessary to God's glory. *Do the work of an evangelist.* Genuine missionary work. Holding meetings in great churches is not Biblical evangelism. *Make full proof of thy ministry.* Be zealous so as to make his ministry as faithful as possible.

15. *and that from a child.* When a child begins to learn, see that it learns Scripture, that God may be the very foundation of its knowledge. *You hast known the holy Scriptures.* Old Testament as we now have it, *which are able to make thee wise unto salvation.* By accepting them they lead unto salvation as an end. *Through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* Full loving trust in Jesus Christ brings the soul into a saved relation to God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

16. *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.* Paul here testifies that God is the author of our Bible. It is the Word of God. *Is profitable for doctrine.* Is the embodiment of truth; and must be the basis of all religious teaching. *For reproof.* It is the evidence by which we are to prove error. *For correction.* For bringing wayward ones into rectitude again. *For instruction in righteousness.* A thorough guide to right doing in all the affairs of life.

17. *That the mind of God.* Any one serving God in sincerity. *May be perfect.* Completely equipped for his work. *Thoroughly furnished unto all good works.* The Bible is the sword of the Spirit and furnishes full equipment for religious work.

1. *I charge thee.* Most earnest entreaty, almost equivalent to being put under oath with us. *Before God.* Having his approval, *and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead,* Jesus shall try his loyalty when he comes. *At his appearing.* Christ's second advent will be to judge the living and resurrect the dead to trial.

2. *Preach the Word.* Preach only the Bible truths. *Be instant in season, out of season.* Be ready always to speak for God regardless of time, place or circumstances. *Reprove.* Convict those in error. *Rebuke.* Call attention to error with authoritative warning. *Exhort.* Plead kindly, earnestly and persistently. *With all long-suffering and doctrine.* Be patient in all this and certainly you have Biblical support.

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5. *But watch thou in all things.* Be constantly on your guard and never in anything be taken unawares. *Endure afflictions.* Bear whatever privation is necessary to God's glory. *Do the work of an evangelist.* Genuine missionary work. Holding meetings in great churches is not Biblical evangelism. *Make full proof of thy ministry.* Be zealous so as to make his ministry as faithful as possible.

15. *and that from a child.* When a child begins to learn, see that it learns Scripture, that God may be the very foundation of its knowledge. *You hast known the holy Scriptures.* Old Testament as we now have it, *which are able to make thee wise unto salvation.* By accepting them they lead unto salvation as an end. *Through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* Full loving trust in Jesus Christ brings the soul into a saved relation to God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

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June 18,

1903.

Nomination.

I nominate Rev. W. M. Burr for President of our next Convention. This is done without his knowledge and without consideration with any one. I do it because of his deep and abiding interest in all our work, because of his intimate acquaintance with the brotherhood, because of his eminent fitness for the office, and because I believe the convention ought and will be pleased, to honor one of its most laborious and efficient missionary pastors.

H. F. SPROLES.

Our Paper.

DEAR BRO.:

I write this personal note to say I greatly enjoy your splendid paper. THE BAPTIST is without doubt the best paper that the Baptists of Mississippi have ever had since I have been a reader of papers. THE BAPTIST was the greatest agency that led to a successful issue the great campaign just closed for Home and Foreign Missions. I read The Standard, of Texas, about two years before subscribing for THE BAPTIST; and was beginning to believe that the Texas Baptists were the only people that were doing anything; but I find we are doing as much according to our strength as they are.

Each State has its own needs and conditions that no paper outside the State can meet; and the paper that aspires to leadership outside its own State fails to meet these conditions.

It will be a bright day for the cause when the pastors realize the importance of putting THE BAPTIST in the homes of their people.

The paper enlarges our vision. The man who doesn't take it is like a man getting in a valley to view the surrounding country. He can't see beyond the narrow limits of his own community. Then again, the paper centers the interest of all in the same cause, and we can feel the shoulder touch and the heart beat of each other as we march to victory. Again, the reports of progress from different parts of the field inspire us to greater efforts. But there is one feature about THE BAPTIST that I don't like, and while it's not the fault of the management, I am sure you can correct it. A great many of the very best writers for the paper sign only their initials, leaving us to guess who they are. It's a great disappointment to me to read an article that interests me and not know who the writer is. Why should anyone object to writing his name and address to his article? I am only a young layman and perhaps this complaint should come from some one else; but I would be glad if all the writers would sign their name and address.

JOHN DYE, Moderator,
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"Revealed."

The seventy returned to Jesus rejoicing at the power God had manifested through them. Jesus said rejoice "rather that your names are written in heaven." Then he gave thanks:—"I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes."

Here is the sovereignty of God's revelation. The prying eye of conceited man is blinded by the effulgent glory of the outer court of Jehovah's palace. There is a place beyond which none can pass; and He dwelleth in the "secret place" of his pavilion. But to whomsoever He will He

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brought over in a cargo of Congo slaves, was utterly disconsolate and could not be comforted because of the newness and strangeness of things. His master had exhausted his powers of invention to divert and please him without success, when he lighted upon one of "Uncle Fuller's" monkey "jumping jacks." "Ah," he said, "here is the panacea for all poor little Cuffie's woes—a live monkey from his native forest." He at once procured the toy and hurried off to Cuffie's quarters. The effect was magical. When the little nig saw the thing and understood how it worked, his melancholy left him, and he fell into such fits of boisterous laughter that his mother was compelled to administer antispasmodics in heroic doses before any one in the whole encampment could either rest or sleep.

Behold the infinite mystery of religion. Who can define it? It cannot be mathematically demonstrated. It is beyond all mechanical operations. It is life. It is light. It is spirit. It is truth. It cannot be discovered. It must be revealed. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" And yet, "if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth freely and upbraideth not and it shall be given unto him." "For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."

It is to babes that He revealeth Himself. The wise man who exalteth himself against God is eternally debarred from knowledge, but he that knows himself but a "babe crying for the light," behold to him "in the darkness light shines."

"God hath a few of us whom He whispers in the ear; the rest may reason and welcome."

"Earth's summum with heaven and every common benefit aifire with God; but only he who sees takes off his shoes; the rest sit round it and pluck blackberries."

Oh God, give me the sensitive soul—the heart to feel—the eye to see thy light—the ear to catch the sound of the "still small voice," and the will to bow and worship and obey.

ELBERT S. P'POOL.

Hermanville, Miss., June 8, 1903.

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Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The last Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Chickasaw Association was held with the Quitman saints. The meeting was not largely attended except on Sunday and Sunday night but it was a good meeting. Bishop Farish preached on Friday night and added quite a number of subscribers to "THE BAPTIST" and added much to the meeting in his humorous talks.

Brethren: Boswell, Duncan, Sumrall, Gavin, Donald, Morris, Lumley and others spoke on the several subjects. Bro. Lumley preached on Sunday and Sunday night to appreciative audiences. He, with his wife and baby, sail for Af. it is soon.

We missed Bro. Backtt. Dr. McNair, his better half, and Miss Cora Howell made it pleasant for Bro. Duncan and myself.

Miss H. Dolibs had a nice Sunbeam Society in the Quitman church.

The next meeting will be held at DeSoto in August.

Bro. R. S. Gavin was secretary and the writer president.

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Daily Bible Readings.

Mondays 22. Divine favor and outpouring of the Spirit. Job 2:18-32. Compare Acts 2:17-21.

Tuesday 23. Judgment and salvation (v. 16); Joel 3. Compare Isa. 34:8.

Wednesday 24. Fleeing from duty, but found. Jonah 1. Compare 1 Kings 19:3-15.

Thursday 25. Jonah's prayer. Jonah 2. Compare 1 Sam. 30:6.

Friday 26. Doing duty, and Ninevah's repentance. Jonah 3. Compare 1 Kings 21:27-29.

Saturday 27. Jonah's complaint and his lesson. Jonah 4. Compare Job 6:8-9.

Sunday 28. Conquest Marching South America. "The Neglected Government."

Alternate opportunity. "The Loss of Opportunity." Luke 19:41-48; Matthew 11:23-24.

S. S. Lesson Review.

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Oliver.

On May 22, 1903, at 8 o'clock a. m., J. Y. Oliver, Sr., received the final summons to pass from earth to the great beyond. He had given evidence of a hope in Christ. Was in his seventy-eighth year. Was an honored, upright citizen. Lived near Duck Hill, Miss.

Dear father, rest from thy labors. We hope and will strive to meet thee in heaven.

Daughter.

(Mrs.) MINNIE E. DAVIS.

Brumfield.

At midnight, May 25th, little Hellen, baby daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Brumfield, fell asleep in death.

Several doctors were in attendance and all was done that loving hands could do for little Hellen. She was five months old the day of her death and was the object of the tenderest affections of devoted parents. She was so sweet and innocent and Oh how hard to give her up. But God knows best. Her little body sleeps in Glorieta cemetery but her spirit is with Jesus, awaiting the coming of parents and loved ones.

W. A. MC.

With all my heart, I thank God for my associations with this faithful servant of his, and though I had not been her pastor for about eight months before her death, yet in her last moments she sent me the following message: "Tell Bro. Low I am still trusting, and all is clear and bright. My faith has never swerved and I am going home."

Yes, dear Sister, I know thou art at home. Tuon dost forever rest; and on thy grave I beg to lay this tribute: By thy beautifl resignation to the will of God in thy afflictions, thou didst bless my life, strengthen my faith, brighten my hopes.

Lovingly,

J. L. LOW.

Cook.

After many years of serious illness, Miss Mattie Cook departed this life at the home of her brother, in McComb City, June 13, 1903. She was reared near East Fork church, Amite County, and professed faith here in early life. At one time she thought of going out as a foreign missionary, but God ordered otherwise.

Miss Mattie was a woman of deep piety, and she was willing to enter into rest.

The body was interred at the old home near East Fork, where it awaits the great day of God's call.

T. C. SCHILLING.

But let us not do this monarch an injustice. For since sin entered the world and made bond slaves of Adam and his race, death has been the only portal to liberty and victory. Yes, verily, the death of every Christian is but the day-dawn of real victory.

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The character of this sketch, Mrs. Sarah Fulgham Yates, was born in Copiah county, Miss., February 14, 1830, and on the 18th of September, 1902, at eleven o'clock in the evening, she won the glorious victory for her pure spirit was carried from earth to heaven.

Sister Yates was the eldest daughter of John and Eliza Fulgham, whose memory still lingers in the neighborhood of old Whi Oak Church, Copiah county.

She was married to N. B. Yates, January 1, 1851. Eight children were born of this union, four of whom are left to mourn the loss of mother.

Converted when about fifteen years old she united with White Oak Church. Some years later she moved her membership to Utica Church, of which she remained a member until death. In her own meek, quiet and unassuming way, Sister Yates lived a truly beautiful and

Wilsons-Morgan.

Married, in Quitman, Miss., on the 29th of May 1903, at the residence of Mrs. Breckinridge

WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. JUGA T. JOHNSON, Editor.
P. O. Clinton, Miss.
[Direct all communication for this department to Clinton, Miss.]

Woman's Central Committee:

Mrs. E. G. Hackett, President, Meridian; Mrs. W. B. Woods, Secretary, Meridian; Program.

June, 1903.

Subject.—Mexico and Brazil. Press "Forward," the watchword of the hour "Service."

1. Praise for God's help in the past; petition for His blessing on the work of another year.

2. Hymn.—"Jesus Shall Reign."

3. Growth of the Kingdom. Psalms 72; man's part, Luke 10:1, 2; Romans 10:12, 15.

4. Echoes of the Southern Baptist Convention. See State Papers.

5. Chorus by young people previously invited.

6. Lefebvre.—"Mexico. Who Is My Neighbor?" by Rev. R. P. Minot.

7. Prayer Thoughts.—These should be real prayer for specific things. Workers may be prayed into the field, courage into the hearts of missionaries, money into the treasury, and souls into the kingdom.

8. Drill on names and location of missionaries in Mexico and Brazil. (See For. Mis. Journ., inside cover.)

9. Side Light on S. America.—No wonder it is called the "Neglected Continent." There are about one Christian worker to every 400,000. Almost no missionary work is done for Venezuela's 2,200,000, for Bolivia's 1,500,000, for Ecuador's 1,500,000.

10. Ten Facts on Brazil, to be written out, distributed, and read by different members. (See from Catechism on Brazil.)

11. Business Note. Suggest calling on absent members.

12. A Prayer Hymn.—"Never, My God, to Thee!"

For Monthly Topic—Brazil and Mexico.

Strange to say, there are some who make an argument against the expenditure of mission funds in Papal countries, on the ground that the people of those lands have the form of Christianity. True is it that they have the form, but where is the power? The Bible is a sealed book to them. They know no Sabbath. They have no Christ. Religion for them is blind obedience to the

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The priests and prelates of Rome, finding themselves powerless, to withstand this clamor for the Word of God, authorized the Franciscan monks, of Bahia, Brazil, to make a new translation into Portuguese, from the Vulgate, of the books of the Bible, with explanatory notes "in order," as the editors say, "to provide the people, against the false and mutilated Bibles, that the Protestant sects are scattering so profusely in this country."

So mighty does God's Word prevail. A. B. Detet, Campinas, Brazil, writes in Foreign Mission Journal, "I preached on justification by faith, and it seemed to be new to them all. They never heard this dear old story, how a man can just look to Jesus and believe, and find rest to his tired and sorrowing soul, without praying the priest to pull him out of purgatory."

Rev. W. H. Cannada, of Perambuco, Brazil, writes of the burning on Feb. 22, of about two hundred copies of the Bible, under the auspices of the Anti-Protestant League. The evident purpose of this was the arousing of the masses of the people against Protestants. But the effect was a wholly different one, from that intended. The people were moved to indignation against the League, and some liberal minded Catholics pronounced the affair sacrilegious. Thus does God make friends out of foes.

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BALTIMORE, M.D., JULY 21-23, 1903

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., JULY 24-31.

National Dental Association and Adjunct Societies. On account of this meeting a rate of \$19.35 for the round trip ticket, tickets will be sold July 22, 23, 26 and 27, final limit to return August 2.

BOSTON, MASS., JULY 6-10.

National Educational Association. For this meeting a rate of \$39.50 for the round trip, all rail and a rate of \$45.50, via Savannah, and steamer. Tickets will be on sale July 2, 3, 4 and 5, with limit July 12.

These tickets will be extended until September 30 if desired, and party can stop over in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

DETROIT, MICH., JULY 16-19.

International Convention Epworth League. For this meeting a rate of \$27.15 for the round trip has been made. Tickets to be sold July 14, 15, limit July 20. Tickets will be extended until August 15 if desired.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., JUNE 30-JULY 31.

Thirteenth Annual Meeting Southern Educational Association. For this association a rate of \$19.35 for the round trip. Tickets on sale June 27 to July 1, limit July 10. Tickets will be extended until October 10 if desired.

TUSKEGEE, ALA., JUNE 26-AUGUST 7.

Summer Schools, Tuskegee, Ala. For this occasion at a rate of one fare plus 5 cents for the round trip. Tickets on sale June 23, 24, 25, limit August 10.

NOXVILLE, TENN., JUNE 23-JULY 31.

Account of Summer Schools at Knoxville. A. & R. Ry. will sell tickets at a rate of \$15.35 for the round trip, tickets to be sold June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, July 5, 13 and 20. Limit 15 days from date of sale. Tickets will be extended until September 30 if desired.

ATLANTA, GA., JULY 9-12.

National Convention B. Y. P. U. of America. For this occasion a rate of \$22.75 for the round trip has been arranged. Tickets to be sold July 7, 8, 9 and 10, limit July 15 for the return. Tickets will be extended until August 15 if desired.

KASHVILLE, TENN., JUNE 1 TO JULY 20.

Peabody College Summer Schools June 1 to July 20. One fare for the round trip is 25c. Tickets to be sold May 31, June 1, 2, 19, 20, 21, July 3, 4, 5, with date fifteen (15) days from date of sale. Tickets will be extended until September 10 by payment of fifty cents.

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Prohibition is both statutory and constitutional. Constitutional prohibition makes statutory prohibition permanent and abiding, and easier to be enforced. Prohibition can be more easily enforced if the principle is embodied in the constitution, for every office holder in the State must take the oath of office to "support the constitution" before he can enter upon the discharge of his office, whether he believes in the principle of prohibition or not. He must take the oath or remain out of office and the average politician does not decline an office, even if he must support a law which is distasteful to him.

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Again, constitutional prohibition is non partisan, and is voted upon as a separate and independent question at the polls. Constitutional prohibition makes repeal as difficult as adoption and secures a fair trial of the principle before the law can be repealed.

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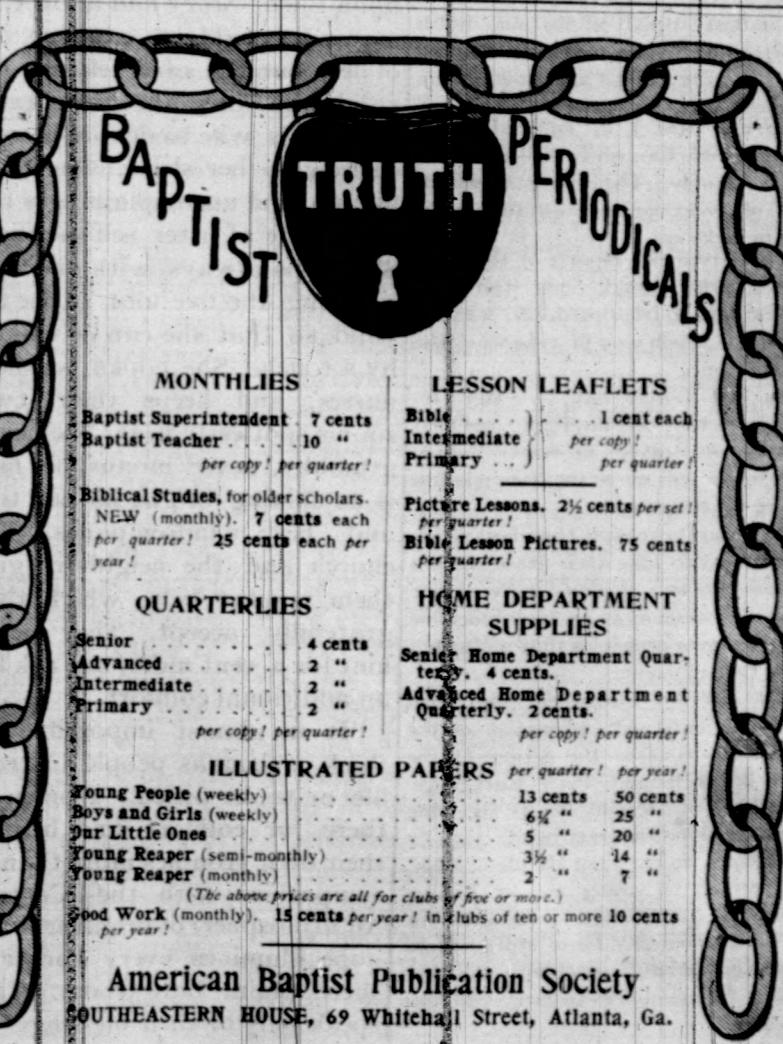
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Personal.

—It is imperative that our forces be very active along State mission lines from now till the Convention.

—Rev. J. R. Parish preached the commencement sermon of the Shubuta High School on the 4th Sunday in May.

—On Sunday, June 14, three persons were received into the Wicksburg First Church, two by letter and one by baptism.

On the last night of the great meeting at Bond, the people rose up and paid the debt on their house \$300.00, and the beautiful edifice was dedicated to God.

—The Baptists at Bond have been enjoying a fine meeting. J. P. Culpepper preaching. At last account there were 17 accessions. Bro. T. D. Bush is pastor.

—On the 15th inst., Hespeler, Oregon, was almost wiped off the map by a cloudburst on Willow Creek. It is stated that between 500 and 600 were drowned.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Tull and infant, of Kentwood, La., are visiting the editor and family. The many friends of Mrs. Tull welcome her back to her old home in Jackson.

—We receive two reports of the Bond meeting, both good, but too near alike for both to be printed. So we publish the one which was in the paper when the last one came.

—On last Lord's day we were received by letter, one baptised, and two requests for water, at Water Valley. This church will make its state mission offering next Sunday.

—We hear of several churches which are planning to take their state mission collection on next Sunday. Let each one settle the question as to how much he will give, upon principles they will stand before the judgment.

—The Servian Parliament did with great unanimity and enthusiasm on the 15th inst., confirm the action of the army in proclaiming Peter Karageorgevitch king of Servia. He is receiving great ovations on every hand.

—Elder J. R. Parish of Meridian, Miss., will preach to young men at Phaltai Church, Jasper County, on the 3rd Sunday in this month. There will be dinner on the ground and preaching in the afternoon. All are invited to carry well-filled baskets.

The protracted meeting season for the country churches is approaching. We have a feeling that the Lord is going to do great things for His people. Let all be devout and earnest in the Lord's service.

Heroic Living.

The Chautauquan awards a prize of ten dollars each month for the best true story of heroic living not exceeding 1,000 words in length. The prize for December is awarded to the following:

"In the city where I live there are two sisters, whom I will call Mary and Ellen Carter. Ellen is paralyzed and bedridden. She can move one foot and her eyes, but the rest of her body is perfectly helpless. The muscles of her face express her emotions, but she cannot utter a sound. For seventeen years this has been her condition, and, during the years that I have known her, her eyes have expressed only meekness, gratitude, cheerfulness; never complaint or distress.

"The two sisters live alone, and Mary Carter is the invalid's sole attendant and nurse. They are old and poor, they live entirely upon charity, and the community about them is not able to do for them in any very liberal way; so their lives are without most of the alleviations of sickness. Yet they never complain.

"When this paralysis first came upon Ellen, Mary had a lover, a man who could have taken care of her, but not of a helpless invalid; nor could she have been able as his wife to devote herself entirely to her sister. She gave him up, and uncomplainingly began a life of utter self sacrifice. She sleeps always with one foot touching the free foot of the invalid, so that she can be wakened by a touch. She cooks, washes, nurses, and keeps their two rooms spotlessly neat. She never grumbles, never moans, her face is as shining bright as her tins and her window-panes. The church and the neighbors give them regular help, which they gratefully accept. They never hint for a cent more, nor ask for an additional comfort.

"It is almost impossible to think of them as people in trouble or to be pitied. Women go there for comfort and help in their own troubles more than to sympathize with the Carters. An atmosphere of brightness and hope illuminates every corner of their plain, bare room. They speak only of their blessings.

"Two years ago, a stranger, taken to see them, added a great comfort. She put in a telephone, through which Ellen can hear the sermons of her beloved pastor and the singing in the church. Her rapture cannot be imagined! Lately a woman brought a mirror, which she fastened to the window in such a way that Ellen, from her pillow, can see all that passes on the street before their door. That has brought great pleasure into her life. People go to read to her, and she enjoys that intensely.

"The only way in which she communicates with the world is by her eyes. Spell out a word, letter by letter, and she indicates by moving her eyes whether you have the right letter. It is very slow to see her sister sit by the bed and cheerfully pick out the right word to express her desires is a wonderful lesson in patience.

"Mary Carter is in feeble health, and her one trouble, her one uttered anxiety, is the fear that God may take her away from her helpless sister. No other word of fear ever issued from her lips, and none ever shows in Ellen's smiling eyes."

An Announcement.

It becomes the painful duty of Antioch Baptist Church of Christ, located near Picayune, Hancock County, Miss., to exclude from her fellowship and pronounce the Credentials, given Elder Hiram Burg, authorizing him to perform the duties of a minister of the gospel, null and void. Said Hiram Burg has declared himself a heretic to the faith and refuses to surrender his credentials, at the request of said Antioch Baptist church. Done in conference Saturday before the second Lord's day in June, 13, 1903.

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